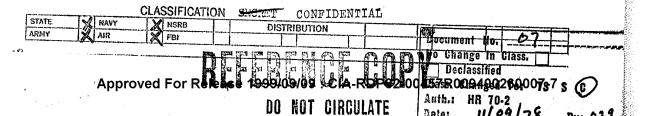
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The following report concerns questions discussed at a meeting of the SED Central Committee in mid-Cetober 1951.

- The principal discussion at the meeting of the SED Central Cormittee in mid-October 1951 concerned the reasons why the SED has made less headway and has had less organizational influence in the iterritory adjacent to lest herlin, i.e., in East Berlin and Land Trandenburg, than in any other section of the DDR. Both willi Sägebrecht and Murt happy were of the opinion that the relatively greater concentration of effectives of the Hauptverwaltung für Jusbildung in Land Brandenburg than anywhere clse in the DTR is a factor which hinders rather than furthers DED success in that area. It was pointed out that land Brandenburg's paramount task lies in surrounding that part of Germany supported and propagandized as the show window of the Letern world. Until now this task has been interpreted as one of external strength. Land Brandenburg has been required to provide a strong and impenetrable bolt of power. For this reason, primary importance has been placed on continuous indoctrination of HVA units, with the consequence that the political training of the population, including that of Party and labor union members, has been neglected.
- 2. According to various statements made by Hermann Matern, Mager, and Sagebrecht, the results of the ideological training program of the past Farty School Year were far below average in Land Trandenburg. Furthermore, it was pointed out that participation in the Party training program was at the lowest level in those towns and communities in which direct access is had to West Berlin, and that the Party authorities had made no attempt to alter this situation.
- At this meeting Walter Ulbricht also spoke at some length on the influence of Nest Berlin. He remarked that the unsatisfactory results of the SED training courses, as portinent for East Berlin as for Land Brandenburg, reflect the need of the Party for a certain distance from the Western world and its temptations in order to a source the proper indoctrination of the people with SED patterns of thought. He added that this fact makes it even more necessary to charge the present condition radically, since it is possible that East and Next Termany may endure in their present form for a long time yet, providing a continual standard of comparison. According to Ulbricht, this problem demands that all possible measures be taken to create model examples of SED activism in those parts of emmany in direct geographical contact with the next.



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 h_* SED organizations in Berlin and Land Drandenburg were assigned the task of drawing up an immediate program of action with one propaganda goal: "the East is better than the lest".

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